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BOARD MEETING MINUTES
April 24, 2019
7:00 P.M.

Selectmen Present: Daniel Baker, Charles Kenison

Selectmen Absent: Robyn Bates

Mr. Baker called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

PRIMARY:

*** **APPROVE MINUTES**
- April 16, 2019

Mr. Kenison made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Baker seconded. Mr. Baker – Yes, Mr. Kenison - Yes.
Approved – 2-0

*** **APPROVE MANIFESTS**

Mr. Kenison made a motion to approve the manifests. Mr. Baker seconded. Mr. Baker – Yes, Mr. Kenison - Yes.
Approved – 2-0

*** **REVIEW SIGNATURE FOLDER** – The Selectmen reviewed and signed.

*** **CONSTRUCTION PERMIT**
- Map 42, Lot 02-70

Map 42, Lot 02-70 – Mr. Kenison made a motion to approve the Construction Permit for Map 42, Lot 02-70. Mr. Baker seconded. Mr. Baker – Yes, Mr. Kenison - Yes. Approved – 2-0
The Selectmen agreed that an Occupancy Permit was needed.

*** **LETTER OF RESIGNATION – ZONING BOARD MEMBERS**

The Selectmen reviewed the resignation letters of Gretchen Wittenborg and Steven Filipi from the ZBA, both effective immediately. Ms. Favreau shared that Dan Sutton was the only alternate. Additional members and alternates were needed. Mr. Baker suggested having the ZBA meet with the Selectmen to find out what the issue was. Mr. Kenison shared that he heard it might be better to meet with them individually. Mr. Baker asked if there was a rift within the ZBA. Mr. Baker explained what he had heard. Mr. Kenison shared it was that and he also heard that the Selectmen's office was interfering with their jurisdiction. They were not happy with restricting them on legal fees. Discussion was held on miscommunication and that NHMA stated the Selectmen had the right to manage legal fees.

Mr. Kenison shared that there wouldn't be any members left to hear the upcoming case in May. Mr. Kenison thought that if no ZBA, it could be taken to Court for a decision. Mr. Baker felt that they got misinformation. Discussion was held on putting the Selectmen in this position.

At 7:12 p.m. Mr. Kenison made a motion to go into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II(e). Mr. Baker seconded and the motion passed 2-0. Roll Call vote: Mr. Baker – Yes, Mr. Kenison - Yes.

At 7:22 p.m. Mr. Kenison made a motion to leave non-public session and seal the minutes as disclosure would adversely affect the reputation of the person other than a member of the board. Mr. Baker seconded and the motion passed 2-0. Roll Call vote: Mr. Baker – Yes, Mr. Kenison - Yes.

The Selectmen agreed to hold onto the letters of resignation.

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7:15 MEET WITH LAURIE HAYWARD & SUZANNE GRAY

At 7:25 p.m. Mr. Kenison made a motion to go into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II(a). Mr. Baker seconded and the motion passed 2-0. Roll Call vote: Mr. Baker – Yes, Mr. Kenison - Yes.

At 8:15 p.m. Mr. Baker made a motion to leave non-public session and seal the minutes as disclosure would adversely affect the reputation of the person other than a member of the board. Mr. Kenison seconded and the motion passed 2-0. Roll Call vote: Mr. Baker – Yes, Mr. Kenison - Yes.

8:00 MEET WITH SUSAN SILVERMAN, KEVIN WOOLEY, STEPHANIE SCHERR

- Meadowood
- Solarize Monadnock

Susan Silverman and Kevin Wooley met with the Selectmen to discuss their concerns regarding the contamination at Meadowood. Ms. Silverman mentioned that she would like to meet with the Selectmen to discuss the Solarize Monadnock campaign when Stephanie Scherr was available. Mr. Wooley gave background information on the committees that he has or continues to serve on in addition to the Conservation Commission. Mr. Wooley shared that he has written a report for the Conservation Commission and they have a copy. Mr. Wooley handed out this report to the Selectmen. Mr. Wooley reviewed the information that he had gathered on the contamination at Meadowood. Mr. Wooley mentioned that NH was lowering the contamination level standards and he has concerns because PFAS cause cancer. Mr. Wooley stated that he knew there was a push that the Town take the property by donation and this was why he was bringing this out as there was no way to mitigate this contaminate. Mr. Wooley shared that DES stated that whoever takes that property would be legally responsible.

Mr. Baker stated the need to know what would be appropriate for the property and getting testing done. Ms. Favreau asked for copies of the letters from DES. Mr. Wooley shared that he focused on what's happened since 2016 forward. Mr. Baker asked if Mr. Wooley would consider getting back on the Task Force. Mr. Wooley shared that the Contamination Committee was done. Mr. Baker shared that the Task Force met with the Selectmen last week. Mr. Wooley mentioned that the State was looking at the Fire Department and the landfill. Ms. Favreau noted that she had received the letter. Ms. Silverman asked Ms. Favreau if the fire fighter gear was sent out to be cleaned. Ms. Favreau shared that they were. Mr. Baker thought that it was good to get the property tested but JB Mack was looking for some indication that the Town would use the property. Mr. Baker stated that the vote of the Town was needed but there is a Task Force moving forward with this. The concern of Mr. Mack was due to SWRPCs limited funds. Mr. Baker asked if testing with those funds was done beyond the borders. Mr. Wooley thought that it was onsite only. Mr. Wooley mentioned that on May 22nd the film The Devil We Know would be shown at the Library. This film would be educating on different contaminants. Mr. Baker suggested mentioning this to the Task Force. Mr. Wooley mentioned that he would be on the discussion panel. Discussion was held on the fact that there was no mitigation of the PFAS contaminate and what it would mean to the homeowner's having to identify this issue when they sell their property. Mr. Wooley discussed the DuPont study.

Mr. Baker asked about solar. Ms. Silverman shared that she and Ms. Scherr would meet with the Selectmen when Ms. Scherr was available.

*** LETTER OF RESIGNATION – ZONING BOARD MEMBERS – Discussed earlier.

*** TOWN HALL RENTAL APPLICATION

Mr. Baker reviewed the Application for Rental of Town Property request from Lisa Paul of NextEra Energy Resources for a May 21, 2019 Public hearing in the Town Hall Upper Hall. It was noted that they would be meeting with the Selectmen next week. Mr. Baker asked Ms. Favreau to contact Ms. Paul to find out if there would be food. Ms. Faveau stated that they would be charged a rental fee.

Mr. Kenison made a motion to approve the Application for Rental of Town Property request from NextEra Energy Resources for May 21, 2019 in the Town Hall Upper Hall. Mr. Baker seconded. Mr. Baker – Yes, Mr. Kenison - Yes. Approved – 2-0

*** REVIEW INQUIRY TO NHMA

Mr. Baker reviewed the response from NHMA regarding the Selectmen's policy to approve contacting an attorney for legal advice for town matters. NHMA stated that the Selectmen had the right to manage legal fees. Ms. Favreau mentioned that the Planning Board and ZBA could ask the applicant for legal fees. The Selectmen and Ms. Favreau felt that if there was something in the Town's ordinance that wasn't correct, the State Statute should be followed. Mr. Baker asked Ms. Favreau to give the ZBA the information from NHMA.

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***** REVIEW LETTER**
Re: Delinquent property taxes

The Selectmen reviewed and signed the letter regarding Map 42, Lot 01-4 and Map, 42, Lot 01-76.

***** DISCUSS BROWNFIELD NOMINATION**

Ms. Favreau shared that she needed to submit the nomination form electronically and she wanted to make sure the Selectmen had reviewed and were okay with it coming from them. The Selectmen approved. Mr. Baker asked Ms. Favreau to let the Task Force know it has been filed.

***** NON-PUBLIC SESSION RSA 91-A:3 II (e) – LEGAL**

At 8:50 p.m. Mr. Kenison made a motion to go into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II(e). Mr. Baker seconded and the motion passed 2-0. Roll Call vote: Mr. Baker – Yes, Mr. Kenison - Yes.

At 9:02 p.m. Mr. Kenison made a motion to leave non-public session and seal the minutes as disclosure would adversely affect the reputation of the person other than a member of the board. Mr. Baker seconded and the motion passed 2-0. Roll Call vote: Mr. Baker – Yes, Mr. Kenison - Yes.

***** REVIEW TAX DEEDING LIST FROM TAX COLLECTOR**

Ms. Favreau shared that Jane Wright submitted the list and she would meet with the Selectmen to review. Ms. Favreau shared that a lot of them were houses. Ms. Favreau also shared that she wanted to look at the regulation to see what are our obligations would be if we ended up in a welfare role. Ms. Favreau mentioned that we would need to hire an attorney if there was someone living there. Mr. Kenison shared that in the long term – we would end up with the property. Mr. Baker mentioned that a lot of these properties are those that we are sending letters to regarding trash. Mr. Baker would like to start with a letter notifying people what the regulation was on proper maintenance of their property, what's considered trash, and unregistered vehicles. The Selectmen agreed that they didn't know what the new regulations were. Ms. Favreau shared that we have sent out letters to properties that we are aware of there being an issue. Mr. Baker would like to have this included on their agenda in the next couple of weeks. Mr. Baker asked Ms. Favreau to schedule Ms. Wright to come in and meet with them. Ms. Favreau shared that it would be May 8th.

***** ACCEPT FIRE DEPARTMENT DONATION**

Mr. Baker reviewed the letter from Pamela Price, Trustee of the Marion R. Austin Revocable Trust. A charitable donation of \$2,500 has been made to the Fire Department.

Mr. Kenison made a motion to accept the charitable donation. Mr. Baker seconded. Mr. Baker – Yes, Mr. Kenison - Yes. Approved – 2-0

The Selectmen hoped that the Fire Department would write a thank you letter and asked Ms. Favreau to follow-up.

***** DISCUSS MUTUAL AID CALL LIST**

Ms. Favreau shared that Ed Mattson, Jr. had called Mr. Kenison that an alarm was going off at the Town Hall. Ms. Favreau shared that she called Mutual Aid and confirmed who was on the list. The Selectmen agreed that they would be added to the call list.

***** BID FOR TAX DEEDED PROPERTY**

Ms. Favreau shared that there were 7-8 properties. Ms. Favreau thought those properties could be done now, as they are free and clear. Ms. Favreau shared that there were a couple of properties that the Town might want to hold onto.

Mr. Baker mentioned that in addition to posting in the paper, that the abutters would be notified. Ms. Favreau shared that they would be notified in conjunction with the posting. The Selectmen agreed it was a good first step.

Mr. Baker asked if they looked at how much taxes were. Ms. Favreau shared that the taxes have been abated. Ms. Favreau shared that some of the properties were landlocked and may not have much value. The Selectmen agreed that they might have value to the abutter. Mr. Baker asked if all bids had to be accepted. Ms. Favreau shared that they do not. Ms. Favreau suggested the Selectmen look at the assessment of the property.

The Selectmen asked Ms. Favreau to proceed. Ms. Favreau would put a notice in the newspaper and post at the Post Office.

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OTHER BUSINESS:

The Selectmen reviewed the request of the Lions Club to do a coin drop at the Transfer Station.
Mr. Baker made a motion to approve. Mr. Kenison seconded. Mr. Baker – Yes, Mr. Kenison - Yes. Approved – 2-0

ON-GOING BUSINESS:

- **STEEPLE PROJECT** – Mr. Baker shared that some drawings have been received. Jay Southgate wanted to acquire mahogany and if raining he would start on our project if we authorized him to. The Selectmen agreed to have him begin that work and to advance \$15,000. Mr. Southgate mentioned small moldings and Mr. Baker asked him to hold off until after their LCHIP meeting. Mr. Baker asked Ms. Favreau to contact Mr. Southgate and let him know that the Selectmen have approved and to have him send an invoice. Mr. Baker wanted to track this the same way as the design expenses.

Mr. Kenison mentioned that he and Mr. Baker would be meeting with Dave Drasba tomorrow at the Historical Society.

Meeting Schedule:

7:00 p.m. – Wednesday, April 24, 2019
9:00 a.m. – Thursday, May 2, 2019
7:00 p.m. – Wednesday, May 8, 2019
9:00 a.m. – Thursday, May 16, 2019
7:00 p.m. – Wednesday, May 22, 2019
9:00 a.m. – Thursday, May 30, 2019

Mr. Kenison made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 p.m. Mr. Baker seconded and the motion passed. 2-0

Submitted by:

Sheryl White
Secretary to the Board of Selectmen

Daniel Baker, Chairman

Charles Kenison
Board of Selectmen